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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin U.S. Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

I write to encourage the Treasury Department to expeditiously deploy dollars from the State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund. Our fight against the effects of this virus is just beginning. It is important that our states have as many tools as possible to keep our communities healthy and safe.

Montana's state, local, and Tribal governments are fighting on the front lines of this pandemic. It is critical that this money is getting swiftly into the hands of the folks that need it. Montana and other states are making the necessary expenditures to combat the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for funds allocated to states proportionally based on population, the Department of Treasury should not need or use the full 30 days allowed in the CARES Act.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your swift action.

Sincerely,

Jon Tester